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SUBJ: GOK REQUEST FOR GSA ASSISTANCE

REF: A) KUWAIT 2431; B) STATE 134607

1. DOCUMENTS SHIPPED PER REF B HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND PASSED TO GOK.

2. REF B ALSO SUGGESTED VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF "RESPONSIBLE KUWAITI OFFICIAL" TO EXPLORE AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION. MR MOHAMMED MOWAFI HUSSEIN FARID, FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND OIL, IS PRESENTLY IN US AND DESIRES TO VISIT GSA HQ AND REGIONAL SUPPLY CENTER IN WASHINGTON DURING PERIOD 19-23 AUGUST 1974. MR MOWAFI IS VISITING STATES AT HIS OWN EXPENSE AND IS ALSO PLANNING TO VISIT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS IN MONTREAL DURING THIS MONTH.

3. MOWAFI IS OF EGYPTIAN NATIONALITY BUT HAS BEEN ADVISING MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN KUWAIT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDP PROGRAM IN MFO. HE IS HIGHLY EDUCATED AND NOW INVOLVED IN PLANNING OF NEW SUPPLY SYSTEM WHICH IS AT VERY EARLY STAGE. HE IS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE EMPLOYEE OF MFO IN THE AREA OF FINANCIAL AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT.

4. REQUEST A VISIT AND TOUR OF GSA HQ AND REGIONAL SUPPLY CENTER BE ARRANGED. MOWAFI WILL BE SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

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A. CENTRAL CATALOGING SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES.

B. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT.

C. TRAINING FACILITIES WHICH GSA MIGHT PROVIDE

D. PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE SURVEY TEAM.

5. UPON COMPLETION VISIT AND ORIENTATION BY GSA, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MOWAFI WILL MAKE PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS TO GOK OFFICIALS IN MFO WHO WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE COMMITMENTS. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT A STANDARDIZED CENTRAL SUPPLY SYSTEM IS AN ENTIRELY NEW CONCEPT AND FEW GOK OFFICIALS HAVE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH A SYSTEM. MOWAFI WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN FUTURE DECISIONS GOK IN THIS AREA.

6. IN VIEW OF DATE HIS ANTICIPATED VISIT, REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIM AT HIS BROTHER'S HOME ADDRESS TO ARRANGE GSA CONTACT FOR MOWAFI UPON ARRIVAL WASHINGTON. ADDRESS IS MR PAUL BUSTANY, 10 RPT 10 CRESTHILL ROAD, HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK, 11746.

7. PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TAKEN.
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